RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Government have seen reports that certain formations of Pakistan Army, particularly those deployed in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir and areas adjoining Jammu and Kashmir have taken certain precautionary measures.

(b) Government keep a close watch on all developments having a bearing on the national security and appropriate measures are taken from time to time to ensure full defence preparedness.

Re-introduction of six-days week in Central Government Offices

17. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to re-introduce six days week in Central Government offices;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government had consultation with various Ministries before taking the decision in the matter; and

(d) if so, the reaction of different Ministries thereto?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) There is no proposal to re-introduce 6 days week in the administrative offices of the Government of India.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Representation by the CSIR Scientific Workers Association Regarding Recruitment Policy

18. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has recently been received the CSIR Scientific Workers Association (SWA) by the CSIR Vice-President;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether a bilateral Committee was formed to evolve a new policy regarding recruitment and assessment of the scientific staff and the said policy was ready in October, 1989;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Representation related *inter-alia* to following matters regarding the assessment and promotional system of scientific and technical personnel in the CSIR system;

(i) the restriction on percentages and number of chances for assessment, and the thresholds prescribed.

(ii) Residency period for assessment of staff in Groups I and II.

(iii) Extension of assessment upto the grade of Rs. 5,900-7,300.

(iv) Amendments in the criteria for consideration for merit assessment scheme.

(v) Criteria for selection of referees.

(vi) Matters relating to composition of Assessment Committees.

(vii) Removal of certain scales in Groups I & II.

(viii) Open Annual Appraisal forms.

(ix) Apportioning of relative marks in total evaluation.

(x) Removal of cut off date for Faster track promotion.

(xi) Removal of grades of Rs. 225-303 & Rs. 380-560 pre-revised retrospectively from Groups I & II.

(xii) Decentralisation of assessment under erstwhile bye-law 71(b).

(xiii) Change over from 71(b) to IRAS.

(c) A Committee under Chairmanship of Dr. Kailash Chandra, Scientist in the Director's Grade, National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi was appointed in July, 1988 (later endorsed in December, 1988) to consider these matters and make recommendations. The report of this Committee was received in October, 1989.

(d) The recommendations of the Committee were not unanimous on all the issues considered; but alternative implementable suggestions have been made on a number of issues.

(e) These recommendations/suggestions have been/are being examined in the CSIR; this will involve consultation with the employees' associations as well as concerned Government agencies like Ministry of Finance. A final decision on the full report is yet to be taken.

Payment of compensation for IPKF personnel killed in Sri Lanka

19. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1601 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 1989 and state what is the number of cases where compensation has not been paid so far to the next of the kin of the IPKF personnel killed during the operations in Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): Out of 977 killed IPKF personnel mentioned in the statement referred to in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1601 answered on 1-8-89, family pensionary entitlements in respect of only 8 such personnel have not yet been paid.

Agreement with Pakistan on Siachen Glacier

20. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Pakistan have decided to end a long drawn confrontation on the Siachen Glacier area;

(b) if so, whether any agreement has since been signed in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) to (c) At the last round of Defence Secretary level talks on the Siachen area held in Rawalpindi in June, 1989, both sides agreed to work towards comprehensive settlement of the issue, avoidance of use of force and the determination of further positions on ground so as to conform with the Simla Agreement and to ensure durable peace in the area. The two sides agreed to meet again to discuss the issue further.

Civilian Population near nuclear installations

21. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision regarding the presence of civilian population in the vicinity of nuclear installations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the safe distance decided by Government to allow the plot land holders to build residential quarters near the nuclear power plant at Tarapur in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND